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SUBJ: CIVAIR : DOMESTIC AIR TRAFFIC INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO  
STRIKES

1. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT'S LONG DELAYED DECISION ON NEW ITALIAN AIRLINE OPERATING PERMITS WHICH INVOLVES DOMESTIC ROUTE CHANGES FOR ALITALIA, ATI (ALITALIA DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARY), ITAVIA (PRIVATE) AND ALISARDA (CONTROLLED BY SARDINIA REGIONAL GOVERNMENT), APPARENTLY HAS PLEASED NONE OF THE AIRLINES AND LEAST OF ALL SEVERAL AIRPORT UNIONS ORGANIZED UNDER FULAT (FEDERAZIONE UNITARIA LAVORATORI AERO TRASPORTO). CERTAIN AIRPORT UNIONS REPORTEDLY FEAR THAT TRANSFER OF SOME ALITALIA AND ATI ROUTES TO ITAVIA MEANS AIR SERVICE TO THEIR AIRPORTS WILL BE DOWNGRADED.

2. STRIKES APPARENTLY BEGAN ON AUG 19 WITH EIGHT HOUR SHUT DOWN OF REGGIO CALABRIA 'S AIRPORT BY ATI EMPLOYEES. STRIKES CONTINUED ON AUG 20 AT CAGLIARI, WHERE THREE FLIGHTS FOR GENOA AND MILAN WERE DELAYED, AT REGGIO CALABRIA, WHERE THREE FLIGHTS WERE DELAYED, AT BARI-BRINDISI WHERE ONE FLIGHT TO ROME WAS CANCELLED AND OTHERS WERE DELAYED, AND AT ROME FIUMICINO WHERE A THREE-HOUR SYMPATHY STRIKE RESULTED IN THE CANCELLATION OF THREE FLIGHTS TO REGGIO CALABRIA, BARI, AND CAGLIARI AND DELAYS IN OTHER DEPARTURES. APPARENTLY LITTLE AIRPORT OR AIRLINE LABOR AGITATION

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IF ANY, HAS OCCURRED SINCE AUGUST 20. U.S. AIRLINES REPORT THAT THEIR OPERATIONS WERE NOT AFFECTED. HOLMES

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